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# Revised Fiscal Note

(replaces fiscal note dated February 20, 2023)

**Drafting Number:** LLS 23-0329  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Coleman

**Date:** March 21, 2023  
**Bill Status:** Senate Finance  
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**Bill Topic:** **TIMELY CERTIFIED DEATH CERTIFICATES**

**Summary of  
Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue     | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity     |

The bill changes the timeframe required for a funeral director to file a certificate of death from 5 days to 72 hours. Additionally, the Department of Public Health and Environment must provide a certified death certificate to a qualified applicant within 72 hours. The bill increases local expenditures on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation  
Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note  
Status:** The revised fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

## Summary of Legislation

The bill changes the time frame required for funeral directors to file a certificate of death with the state registrar from 5 days to 72 hours, upon assuming custody of a dead body, with exceptions for when additional time is necessary to determine the cause and manner of death. The bill requires that a qualified individual complete the medical certification within 72 hours after receipt of the electronic death registration request, unless an inquiry to the coroner is required. A coroner or other qualified individual that determines the cause of death and completes the proper medical certification must use the Department of Public Health and Environment's electronic death registration system.

## Local Government

County coroners and county vital records office staff may have increased workloads to meet the bill's accelerated time frames.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

County Coroners  
Law  
Regulatory Agencies

Counties  
Local Affairs

Information Technology  
Public Health